

GLAST SWG Telecon DRAFT Minutes
July 28, 2005

Attended:

David Band
Ronaldo Bellazzini
Lynn Cominsky
Chuck Dermer
Brenda Dingus
Neil Gehrels
Kevin Grady
Isabelle Grenier
Josh Grindlay
Rick Harnden

Neil Johnson
Chip Meegan
Julie McEnery
Peter Michelson
Jay Norris
Martin Pohl
Steve Ritz
David Thompson
Stephen Thorsett

Steve welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda.

Under announcements:

- The SWG majordomo is up and running
- GUC will have a telecom, September 14
- GUC face-to-face is November 8-9 at GSFC
- GUC minutes are posted on the website

Julie suggested the web archives for old messages be available to everyone - have the URL, not password protected.

Mission Update - Kevin Grady:

- Mid May were successful in getting rebase line approved, August '07 launch date.
- Anne Kinney was at SLAC last week to see the LAT. She was impressed. We have good support from Anne and the Exploration Division at HQ. But, must keep on schedule.
- Finishing spacecraft fabrication stage; Spectrum Astro has some challenges: 1) replace release mechanism, 2) command & handling component and 3) propulsion area.
- Will start the launch vehicle contract in several weeks.
- Mission operation review is scheduled for March 2006.

HQ News - Rick Harnden:

- The news from HQ is not good - the shuttle is grounded again. Hubble service mission is unknown at this time. The foam problem has to be solved before another mission.
- Budget pressure will continue.
- The House did pass a bill that is good for science.
- Anne Kinney's visit to SLAC went very well.

LAT Report - Peter Michelson:

- When Anne Kinney visited, she was given a briefing of the overall status of LAT. The highlight was the 6 working flight towers.
- 2 more flight towers will be installed in the next couple weeks.
- Neil Johnson has been named the Deputy PI for Instrument/Observatory Operations; Steve Ritz Deputy PI for Science Operations and continues as the Instrument Scientist.
- Dave Thompson stated that the ACD construction is complete and half way thru thermal vacuum testing.
- The tracker is coming together.
- Remaining tracker cables are critical.
- Scheduling issue - electronic box manufacturer may be critical to keep on track.
- LAT will be complete & will ship from SLAC on January 15, 2006.
- MCM's all done.
- Rick question: problem with problematic trays on one tower (#7). Tray was replaced. May have to replace another tray on another tower; being retested. All mechanical trays have been completed. All 16 will be integration in the middle of Aug.

GBM Report - Chip Meegan:

- First 4 of the sodium iodine detectors have been environmentally-tested and will be shipped to Huntsville in a couple weeks. Next 4 will follow shortly. Everything is on schedule.
- EMI issue - test cable, harness may be a problem.
- Flight software has slipped
- Delivery date to Spectrum Astro is April 1, 2006, that's a 2 week slip.
- Everything is going well.

Mini Workshop - Chuck Dermer:

- The agenda for the mini workshop was reviewed. Agenda updated and posted on the web.
- Need to confirm the tentative speakers as soon as possible
- Dave Thompson suggested that the travel budget for multiwavelength support be resurrected. Steve and Dave to talk off line.

September 2 Face-2-face meeting planning - Steve Ritz:

- Will send around the agenda next week.
- Some agenda items:
 - Extended report on the GLAST User's Committee
 - EPO extended report
 - IDS's extended reports
 - Mission report
 - Year 1 data
 - updated GLAST science brochure
 - Discuss the workshop
 - Ops

Meeting will be at SLAC. Is there an interest in seeing the LAT? ACD is scheduled to be integrated on Sept. 1. Will work tour into the schedule.

ACTION Items:

- Send Lynn links to movies - Done.
- Post GUC minutes - Done
- Link for the workshop - Done
- Dave & Steve - Multiwavelength budget issues

Adjourned
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